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SUBJECT: DRAFT OF OUTER BOUNDARY OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN

PER TELCON, FOLLOWING IS DRAFT PREPARED BY EXPERTS FROM
AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NORWAY AND UK ON SUBJECT OF
OUTER BOUNDARY OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN:
QUOTE

1. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONVENTION, THE CONTINENTAL
SHELF OF A COASTAL STATE EXTENDS BEYOND ITS TERRI-
TORIAL SEA TO A DISTANCE OF 200 MILES FROM THE APPLICABLE
BASELINES AND THROUGHOUT THE NATURAL PROLONGATION EXTENDS
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BEYOND 200 MILES UP TO THE OUTER EDGE OF THE CONTINENTAL

MARGIN.

2. THE COASTAL STATE SHALL DELIMIT THE SEAWARD BOUNDRY OF ITS CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES BY STRAIGHT LINES NOT EXCEEDING 60 NAUTICAL MILES IN LENGTH, CONNECTING FIXED POINTS WHICH SHALL BE DEFINED BY COORDINATES OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE.

3. THE COASTAL STATE SHALL SUBMIT THE GEODETIC DESCRIPTION OF THE SEAWARD BOUNDARY BEYOND 200 MILES, TOGETHER WITH LARGE-SCALE SHARTS AND SUPPORTING DATA, INCLUDING BATHYMETRIC, GEOLOGICAL OR GEOPHYSICAL DATA, TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMISSION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ---WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS CONVENTION FOR THAT STATE.

4. THE COMMISSION SHALL EXAMINE THE DETERMINATION BY A STATE OF THE OUTER BOUNDARY OF ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES WITH A VIEW TO DECLARING ITS CONFORMITY WITH THE CONVENTION. IN ITS EXAMINATION OF A BOUNDARY DETERMINATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE AS A BASIS THAT DATA SUBMITTED BY THE STATE. THESE DATA MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO BATHYMETRIC, GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA, WHATEVER IS APPROPRIATE.

5. WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE DETERMINATION BY A STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE THAT EITHER IT:

- (A) ACCEPTS THE DETERMINATION IN FULL OR IN PART, OR
- (B) REJECTS THE DETERMINATION.

6. THE CONFIRMATION OF A SEAWARD BOUNDARY BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE IRREVOCABLE.

7. IN THE EVENT THAT THE COMMISSION ONLY ACCEPTS THE DETERMINATION IN PART, OR REJECTS THE DETERMINATION, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE STATE MAY BE OPENED WITH THE OBJECT OF REACHING AN AGREED DETERMINATION.

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8. THE COMMISSION IN ITS EXAMINATION OF THE DETERMINATION SUBMITTED BY A STATE WILL, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAPHRASE 1, TAKE AS A BASIS THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) THE OUTER EDGE OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN IS THE SEAWARD EDGE OF THE SUBMERGED PROLONGATION OF THE ROCKS OF THE LAND MASS.
- (B) THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN INCLUDES THE ROCKS UNDERLYING THE PHYSIOGRAPHIC CONTINENTAL SHELF, UNDERLYING

THE CONTINENTAL SLOPE, AND UNDERLYING THE CONTINENTAL
RISE;

(C) THE ROCKS OF THE DPPE OCEAN FLOOR INCLUDING THE
SEDIMENTS OF THE DEEP OCEAN FLOOR ARE NOT PART OF THE
CONTINENTAL MARGIN. UNQUOTEDALE

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